FIVE NAVY MEDICINE MOMENTS IN DECEMBER 2017 [PHOTOS]

Every day, more than 63,000 Navy Medicine personnel are operating forward around the world, providing agile and rapid health care support to the Navy and Marine Corps. Saving lives wherever our forces operate is what we do, be it above the sea, on the sea, below the sea or on the battlefield. The following photos depict important events and our medical professionals at work during December 2017.



U.S. 5TH FLEET AREA OF OPERATIONS (Dec. 5, 2017) – Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class (FMF) Stetson D. Thomas joined Naval Amphibious Force, Task Force 51/5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade's team in April 2016 to serve as the Headquarters Company corpsman where he maintains medical and dental readiness for a forward-deployed expeditionary command.



CAMP LEJEUNE, North Carolina (Dec. 5, 2017) Hospital corpsmen with Charlie Company, 2nd Medical Battalion take a knee to debrief during Operation Cold Turkey at Camp Lejeune, N.C., Dec. 5, 2017. The training exercise is designed for military medical personnel to sharpen their ability to treat a casualty in a trauma situation. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Ashley Lawson)



PENSACOLA, Florida (Dec. 6, 2017) Naval Air Technical Training Center's (NATTC) Chief Hospital Corpsman Victoria Newberry helps Blue Angel Elementary School fourth-grader Cameron Wilcox hang an ornament on a Christmas tree at the NATTC Nimitz barracks aboard Naval Air Station Pensacola Dec. 6. Thirty-two Blue Angel Elementary School students visited NATTC to decorate a Christmas tree as part of a K-Kids initiative and tour NATTC classrooms. (Official Navy courtesy photo)



AMAZON RIVER, Brazil (Dec. 7, 2017) Lt. Cmdr. Robert Lennon (left) and Lt. Cmdr. Thomas Barlow (2nd from left), both U.S. Navy doctors (left), work with 2nd Lt. Raissa Vieira Sanches (right) to perform an operation to drain an abscess for a young woman aboard NAsH Soares de Meirelles near the remote town of Beruri on the Amazon River in Brazil, December 7. Corporal Muller Anselmo, a Brazilian Navy nurse technician, holds the young woman's hand. Barlow and Lennon are members of a team of five U.S. Navy doctors who are joining the Brazilian Navy on a month-long humanitarian mission up the Amazon River. Together, the U.S. and Brazilian Sailors are delivering healthcare to some of the most isolated people in the world. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Andrew Brame/Released)



ARABIAN GULF (Dec. 21, 2017) Lt. Kenny Tran, left, and Hospitalman Kevin Quach examine Information Systems Technician 1st Class Jelani Beard's teeth aboard the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71). Theodore Roosevelt and its carrier strike group are deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations in support of maritime security operations to reassure allies and partners and preserve the freedom of navigation and the free flow of commerce in the region. (U.S. Navy photo by Machinist's Mate 3rd Andrew Langholf/Released)